

September 23, 2009

Mr. Bruce Duke, Executive Director South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

RE: McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. – Add Late Payment Charges

Dear Mr. Duke:

McClellanville Telephone Company is submitting the following tariff sheets:

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The purpose of this filing is to add a Late Payment Charge to the General Regulations section of the tariff. A late payment charge of 1.5% per month will apply to all past due balances. Customers with past due balances who sign up for electronic payments will receive a one time waiver of the late payment charge.

These charges will also apply at our other South Carolina Companies listed below:

Norway Telephone Company, Inc. St. Stephen Telephone Company, Inc. Williston Telephone Company, Inc.

The proposed effective date for this filing is October 7, 2009.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

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**Enclosures** 

cc: Tom Allen

### **GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF**

# McCLELLANVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

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# McCLELLANVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY

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# **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

# 2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)

#### 2.4.2 Deposits (Continued)

d. The fact that a deposit has been made in no way relieves the applicant or customer from complying with the Company's regulations as to advance payments and the prompt payment of bills on presentation or constitutes a waiver or modification of the regular practices of the Company providing for the discontinuance of service for nonpayment of any sums due the Company.

### 2.4.3 Payment for Service

- a. The customer is responsible for payment of all charges in conjunction with the services furnished him, including collect long distance messages, which have been accepted at the customer's telephone and long distance messages originating at the customer's station.
- b. The customer shall pay on a monthly basis in advance or shall pay on demand all charges for service and equipment, and shall pay on demand all charges for long distance service. Special billing arrangements may be established for services provided to certain Governmental agencies.
- c. Bills are due upon receipt and are payable to the Company or to any agency duly authorized to receive such payments.

#### d. Late Payment Charges

- (1) A Late Payment charge of 1.5% per month applies to all past due balances.
- (2) Customers with past due balances who sign up for electronic payments will receive a one-time waiver of the late payment charge.
- (3) Final collection procedures, temporary disconnection of service, and the requirements for deposit are unaffected by the application of a late charge. The late payment charge does not extend the time for payment or otherwise enlarge or change the rights of the customer. Notice of intention to pay late will not avoid this charge.
- e. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the customer of the responsibility for payment in accordance with the provisions set forth herein.
- f. Should service be suspended for non-payment of charges, it will be restored only as provided under "Restoration Charge" in Section 4 of this Tariff.
- g. When the service has been disconnected for non-payment, the service agreement is considered to have been terminated. Reestablishment of service may be made only upon the execution of a new service agreement, which is subject to the provisions of this Tariff.

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#### **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

# 2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)

### 2.4.3 Payment for Service (Continued)

h. In its discretion, the Company may restore or reestablish service which has been suspended or disconnected for non-payment of charges, prior to payment of all charges due. Such restoration or reestablishment shall not be construed as a waiver of any rights to suspend or disconnect service for non-payment of any such or other charges due and unpaid or for any violation of the provisions of this tariff; nor shall the failure to suspend or disconnect service for non-payment of any past due account or accounts operate as a waiver or estoppel to suspend or disconnect service for non-payment of such account or of any other past due account.

### 2.4.4 Provision for Certain Local Taxes and Fees

- a. When any municipality, other political subdivision, local agency of government or South Carolina Public Service Commission imposes upon and collects from the Company, a gross receipts tax, occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee or regulatory fee, such taxes and fees shall, insofar as practicable, be billed pro rata to the Company's customer receiving service within the territorial limits of such municipality, other political subdivision, local agency of government, or public utility commission.
- b. The Company may adjust its rates and charges or impose additional rates and charges on its customers in order to recover amounts it is required by governmental or quasi-government authorities to collect from or pay to others in support of statutory or regulatory programs. Examples of such programs include, but are not limited to, the Universal Service Fund, the Primary Interexchange Carrier Charge, and compensation to payphone service providers for use of their payphones to access the Company's services.

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